How to Avoid a Fuel Geyser

Follow these instructions when a Stihl saw is running poorly and “vapor lock” is suspected.

— Above all else: **DO NOT** open the tank! —

The following restart process should be started immediately. Saws are air cooled and continue to build heat in the carburetor when not running.

1. **Check Fuel level**
   - If tank is over 1/2 full **DO NOT** open the tank.

2. **Close Choke**
   - Pull starter rope 20 times or until saw fires.

3. **Once Saw Fires**
   - Place choke lever in starting position.

4. **Pull Starter Rope 10 Times or Until Saw Runs**

5. **If Saw Does Not Start**
   - Discontinue use. Let saw cool completely. **DO NOT** open the tank.

6. **Once Saw is Cool, Start this Process Over.**

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